 Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A travel product inventory and rate management system

comprising:

a bulk inventory and rate database containing inventory and rate information related to a

plurality of individual travel products provided by a plurality of travel product suppliers;

a component bundler, the component bundler selectively choosing at least two of the

plurality of individual travel products supplied by a plurality of travel product suppliers and

combining them into a vacation package in response to ~~appropriate~~ parameters or input from a

vacation package seller; ~~and~~

wherein the inventory and rate information contained in the bulk inventory and rate

database includes rules from the travel product suppliers regarding availability and pricing that

permit the travel product inventory and rate management system to allocate inventory and

determine pricing for individual travel products; and

an interface between the travel product inventory and rate management system and the

vacation package seller such that the vacation package seller is provided with the ability to select

a vacation package combined by the component bundler.

2.   (previously presented) The travel product and inventory rate management system

of claim 1 wherein the component bundler is a dynamic component bundler that chooses the at

least two of the plurality of individual travel components and combines them into the vacation

package at the time when the vacation package seller selects the vacation package.

      3.   (previously presented) The travel product and inventory rate management system

of claim 1 wherein the component bundler chooses the at least two of the plurality of individual

travel components and combines them into the vacation package prior to the time when the

vacation package seller selects the vacation package.

      4.   (cancelled)

      5.   (cancelled)

      6.   (cancelled)

      7.   (cancelled)

      8.   (cancelled)

      9.   (currently amended) A method of managing an inventory of travel products

comprising the following steps:

      providing a bulk inventory and rate database as part of an inventory and rate management

system;

      loading the bulk inventory and rate database with inventory and rate information for a

plurality of individual travel products provided by a plurality of travel product suppliers;

      selectively choosing and bundling at least two of the plurality of individual travel

products into a vacation package; and

      selecting the vacation package through an interface between a vacation package seller and

the inventory and rate management system; and

wherein the inventory and rate information contained in the bulk inventory and rate database includes rules from the travel product suppliers regarding availability and pricing that permit the travel product inventory and rate management system to allocate inventory and determine pricing for individual travel products.

10.   (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of selectively choosing and bundling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a dynamic component bundler at the time when the vacation package seller performs the step of selecting the vacation package.

11.   (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of selectively choosing and bundling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a component bundler prior to the time when the vacation package seller performs the step of selecting the vacation package.

12.   (cancelled)

13.   (cancelled)

14.   (cancelled)

15.   (cancelled)

16.   (currently amended) A method of distributing a vacation package to a vacation package seller comprising the following steps:

providing an inventory and rate management system including a bulk inventory and rate database, the bulk inventory and rate database containing inventory and rate information related to a plurality of individual travel products supplied by a plurality of travel product suppliers;

combining at least two of the plurality of individual travel products supplied by a plurality of travel product suppliers into the vacation package; ~~and~~

selectively accessing the vacation package through an interface between a vacation package seller and the inventory and rate management system;

loading the bulk inventory and rate database with inventory and rate information related to the travel products supplied by each of the plurality of travel product suppliers, wherein the inventory and rate information contained in the bulk inventory and rate database includes rules from the travel product suppliers regarding availability and pricing that permit the travel product inventory and rate management system to allocate inventory and determine pricing for individual travel products; and

reserving the vacation package through the interface to the inventory and rate management system.

17.   (cancelled)

18.   (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of compiling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a dynamic component bundler at the time when the vacation package seller accesses the vacation package through the interface.

19.   (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of compiling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a component bundler prior to the time when the vacation package seller accesses the vacation package through the interface.

20.   (cancelled)